IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Akihisa Inoue et al. Art Unit: 1793

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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